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## Lessons learned for CEN and CENELEC from the COVID-19 crisis

### Questions & Answers

1	Does CCMC develop further ideas and tools around improving combinations of virtual and life meeting session?	The CEN and CENELEC Management Centre is currently working with online meeting tools. It is one of our goals under the newly adopted Strategy 2030, moreover, to further explore and develop innovative ways to develop standards collaboratively online, in close alignment with the relevant tools and systems in use and in the pipeline at ISO and IEC level.
2	Will there be different working arrangements for the two types of meetings?	The CEN and CENELEC Management Centre is currently working closely in accordance with the national laws and COVID-19 Belgian restrictions. Hybrid meetings might be foreseen when the COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed.
3	In general, or concerning Health topics, EU policy makers may be more open to standardization but at specific topic levels, I have experienced a slower pace of working, decision-making as well as interaction with the European policy makers. I am curious whether the PMs experience that well.	At a policy-strategic level we have noticed that the COVID-19 crisis generated a better mutual understanding of the outstanding challenges and bottlenecks in the European Standardization System. Overall, we experience a positive momentum, in particular on the side of the European Commission, to address these longstanding challenges in a swift and innovative way. We feel the COVID-19 crisis was a joint experience that brought us closer together and improved our day-to-day working relations with the European Commission, at various levels.